

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 as follows. Attached is a marked up copy showing changes to the claims.

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1 (Amended). A solar cell module comprising a front surface protecting layer, a rear surface protecting layer, and a solar cell and a resin film sealed within sealing resin between the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer, the resin film being formed between the solar cell and the front surface protecting layer, wherein the resin film is smaller in size than an overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

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3 (Amended). The solar cell module according to claim 1, wherein the resin film is a film which is previously heat-shrunk or a film having a heat shrinkage rate of 1.0% or lower.

4 (Amended). The solar cell module according to claim 2, wherein the rear surface protecting layer is a film which is previously heat-shrunk or a film having a heat shrinkage rate of 1.0% or lower.

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7 (Amended). The solar cell module according to claim 2, wherein the resin film is overlaid on an area including at least the solar cell within the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.

8 (Amended). The solar cell module according to claim 1,
A13 wherein the front surface protecting layer is a glass plate, the rear surface protecting layer is a metal plate, another resin film is formed between the solar cell and the rear surface protecting layer, and the resin film is overlaid on an area including at least the solar cell and a wiring of the cell within the overlaying area of the front surface protecting layer and the rear surface protecting layer.
